

Application Number 10/607,940
Amendment dated 7 June 2005
Reply to Office Action of 17 February 2005

Remarks

Applicant has cancelled Claims 9, 13–15, 17–19, 28, 33, 37, 39, 46, 51–53, 63, and 66, and has added new Claims 67–72. Therefore, Claims 1–8, 10–12, 16, 20–27, 29–32, 34–36, 38, 40–45, 47–50, 54–62, 64, 65 and 67–72 remain pending in this Application.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 9, 14, 15 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome rejections made under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejections under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and has further been amended to include the elements of Claim 14. New Claims 67–69 correspond to Claims 9, 15 and 17, respectively, written as independent claims.

The Examiner has further indicated that Claims 33, 39, 46 and 53 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 33, 39, 46 and 53 depend from independent Claim 32. Claim 32 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to Claim 53. New Claims 70–72 correspond to objected to Claims 33, 39 and 46, respectively, written as independent claims.

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Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the outstanding Claim rejections be withdrawn. If, however, some issue remains that the Examiner feels can be addressed by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned for authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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